

# State of Vermont

## House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

### Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 228

House concurrent resolution congratulating Chris Braithwaite on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame and the *Barton Chronicle* on its 40th anniversary

Offered by: Representatives Young of Glover, Marcotte of Coventry, and Strong of Albany

Offered by: Senators Benning, Rodgers, and Starr

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite has devoted his professional career to journalism in contrasting venues, and

Whereas, his dedication to the fundamental precepts of the First Amendment is undeniable, and

Whereas, he has a keen appreciation for both the newsroom and business sides of the newspaper business and where boundaries are essential for the preservation of editorial integrity, and

Whereas, he worked for the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek* magazine, and several Canadian newspapers, including the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, and

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite sought to develop a distinctive reporting and entrepreneurial newspaper presence in the Northeast Kingdom, and in 1974, his former wife, Ellen Braithwaite, a friend, Ed Cowan, and he established the *Barton Chronicle*, a community publication dedicated to all local matters big and little, and

Whereas, one former *Chronicle* reporter describes the newspaper as a publication that “just might be the best little weekly in the Green Mountains, one whose hominess conceals a formidable bite,” and

Whereas, the *Chronicle* offers comprehensive coverage of the Northeast Kingdom’s local elections, town meeting day results, and, unusual for a small newspaper with a circulation of 7,500, keeps a nearly full-time presence at the State House during the legislative session, and

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite’s arrest, while covering a wind power demonstration, and the subsequent dismissal of the charges exemplifies his dedication to defending and protecting First Amendment principles, and

Whereas, as a Knight International Journalism Fellow, he advised newspapers in the newly independent Balkan nations on business strategy, wrote a manual, *Successful Newspaper Advertising*, intended for media in emerging economies, and continues his international role, and

Whereas, Chris Braithwaite’s award winning leadership at the *Chronicle* and exemplary journalism career prompted his colleagues and admirers to surprise him with their successful nomination for his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Chris Braithwaite on his induction into the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame and the *Barton Chronicle* on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Chris Braithwaite at the *Barton Chronicle*.